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TAGS: PGOV BQG
SUBJ: QA RELATED BAN OF NPD ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN

BEGIN SUMMARY: NEWLY PUBLISHED ACCOUNT OF QA NEGOTIATIONS,
WRITTEN BY AMERICAN PROFESSOR AND PUBLISHED IN BERLIN, REPORTS
THAT WESTERN ALLIES ENTERED UNWRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS
TO MAINTAIN BAN ON NPD IN BERLIN. REQUEST EMBASSY AND DEPART-
MENT COMMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. BOOK OUTLINING HISTORY OF NEGOTIATIONS OF QUADRIPARTITE
AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 1971 (QA) WRITTEN BY AMERICAN PROFESSOR
H. MARC CATUDAL AND PUBLISHED IN WEST BERLIN IN OCTOBER CON-
TAINS ALLEGATION THAT ALLIES MADE UNWRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH
SOVIETS THAT NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF GERMANY (NPD) WOULD
BE PREVENTED FROM CARRYING OUT PUBLIC ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN.
ACCORDING TO CATUDAL, AGREEMENT TO PREVENT NPD FROM HOLDING
PUBLIC MEETINGS IN BERIN BERLIN WAS ONE OF TWO "GENTLEMEN'S AGREE-
MENTS" ENTERED INTO BY FOUR POWERS, THE OTHER BEING THE
UNDERSTANDING THAT TWO OR MORE BUNDESTAG COMMITTEES
COULD MEET JOINTLY OR SIMULTANEOUSLY IN WEST BERLIN
PROVIDED THAT BOTH WERE CONSIDERING SAME SUBJECT MATTER.
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2. USBER HAS DONE SOME PRELIMINARY RESEARCH OF ITS
FILES TO DETERMINE TO WHAT EXTENT CATUDAL'S ALLEGATION
REGARDING UNWRITTEN AGREEMENT CONCERNING NPD IS CORRECT.
(COMMENT: WE KNOW THAT SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE BAN OF NPD
WAS RAISED ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION BY SOVIETS, FOR
EXAMPLE AT THE 33RD AMBASSADORIAL SESSION ON AUGUST 23

1971 - SEE BERLIN 1714 OF AUGUST 24, 1971). HOWEVER,
SINCE MANY OF OUR FILES HAVE BEEN RETIRED BECAUSE THEY
ARE MORE THAN 5 YEARS OLD, WE ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO
RESEARCH THIS SUBJECT IN AN EXHAUSTIVE FASHION. WE
UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT STUDY CARRIED OUT BY DR.
KOGAN OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HISTORICAL OFFICE IS COMPLETE,
AND AVAILABLE TO ADDRESSEES. USBER REQUESTS EMBASSY
AND EUR/CE TO RESEARCH QUESTION OF NPD BAN ON URGENT
BASIS. WE HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY ALLIES AND BERLIN
SENAT ON SUBJECT AND EXPECT TO RECEIVE PRESS QUERIES
AS WELL.GEORGE

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